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BICENTENNIAL DIRECTOR HAROLD STEARNS
TO ADDRESS STATE FHA AT UM FRIDAY

MISSOULA--

Harold G. Stearns, Helena, director of the Montana Bicentennial Administration, will be keynote speaker Friday, March 21, at the second general session of the 28th annual meeting of the Montana Association of Future Homemakers of America at the University of Montana in Missoula.

Stearns, former publisher of the Harlowton Times, will discuss how young people can get involved in the Bicentennial in their own communities at the 9:30 a.m. session Friday in the University Center (UC) Ballroom, meeting headquarters.

About 700 high school students, home economics teachers and parents from throughout Montana are expected for the three-day meeting, which begins Thursday and ends Saturday. Betty Lou Hoffman, Helena, FHA adviser in the office of Dolores Colburg, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, said registration for the FHA meeting will be from 1:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday in the UC Ballroom foyer. Theme of the three-day meeting is "Search: Toward New Horizons."

Commenting on his talk in a telephone interview, Stearns said he wants to stimulate interest among young people to help beautify their schools and communities and to become involved in a variety of activities as the Bicentennial approaches.

"I also want to tell how schools can get involved in history and other projects to help make the Bicentennial successful," Stearns said.

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Several music groups from Hellgate and Sentinel High Schools of Missoula will present a variety of entertainment during the three-day meeting. Neil Dahlstrom will direct the Chevaliers, Freshman Ensemble and Mynstrelles from Hellgate in various presentations, and Hal Herbig will direct the Hellgate String Quartet. Student vocalists from Sentinel High School will perform under the direction of Robert Narum. The State FHA Chorus, composed of singers from various Montana high schools, also will sing. The Hellgate High School Jazz Band will perform at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the FHA banquet in the UC Ballroom.

Welcoming remarks will be presented by UM President Richard C. Bowers, Missoula Mayor Robert E. Brown and Laurie Graham, state FHA president, who is a junior at Granite High School, Philipsburg, at the first general session of the state FHA meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the UC Ballroom.

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